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COVER PICTURE: Graphic evidence, in connection with the recent East Midlands Area Festival, that Toc H is sometimes regarded as a "human zoo"

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IN AND OUT

-notes & comment

IF you have lived in a Mark, IF you have found the Mark fulfilling itself as a complete expression of Toc H, IF you feel that basically young men of today are just as good as you were, if not better, IF you can think young, IF you can lead (and be something of a Duke of Plaza Toro while doing it), IF you have the time, or can make it, and like the idea of short bursts of being pushed about . . . in other words IF you are the sort of member we dream about and are prepared to admit it . . . IF you would like to use your talents on behalf of the Marks, drop a line to 'Pete' (Peters, at Toc H Headquarters) who will be happy to use real talent. There will be several challenges but no man will be pushed above that he is able. Do not hesitate to write if you have time which you can give. Pete will sort it out!

Wanted for Marks

THE NUMBER of volunteers applying from Schools for holiday work-parties and other activities this summer, and for helping with leadership in Camps, has greatly exceeded those for any previous year since the War. Among the Schools represented are: *Wyggeston Grammar School, Durham School, Hurstpierpoint, Calday Grange Grammar School West Kirby, George Watson's College, Bryanston, Uppingham, Wycliffe College Stonehouse, Alderman Newton's School Leicester, Marlborough, Oakham, Derby Technical High School, King Edward VII Grammar School Coalville, Shrewsbury, Kettering Grammar School, Greenhill Grammar School Oldham* and *Swindon Technical College*. For Courses in adventurous living and out-of-doors activities at Loch Eil Centre a total of 120 volunteers from Schools, Industry (Apprentices) and Borstal have been accepted up to the time of going to press.

Toc H in Schools

Neighbour on the Hill

THE WEEK-DAY SCENE on Tower Hill, viewed from the Editorial Office window, is one of ceaseless activity, especially between noon and two o'clock, when the Hill is occupied by a variety of speakers each provided with a ready-made audience of lunch-time strollers. But it is always on Wednesdays that the biggest crowd collects to hear and exchange views with the Rev. Donald Soper. Winter and summer, rain or shine, from a precarious foothold on the wall, this thick-set preacher with the commanding voice has now been proclaiming the Christian message for something like thirty-five years. In a recently published book, *Tower Hill, 12.30* (Epworth Press, 12s. 6d.) Dr. Soper relates how he first came to take up the challenge of this remarkable open-air ministry and how the questions from his audience occupy such an important place. These range over the widest possible fields: Peace and War, Materialism, What is God like?, Questions about Jesus, The Bible, Cinema and TV, Justice and the Penal System, Space Age and the Planned Society and much else beside, including that morning's issue of the *Daily Express*. But range as they do, sooner or later comes the return to source and inevitably the Gospel light is brought to bear on each and every topic of the hour.

Well-deserved Honour

THE WHOLE Movement will acclaim the announcement, in the Queen's Birthday Honours, of a K.B.E. awarded to one who, now a distinguished soldier, joined Toc H as a Central General member while still a schoolboy in 1927 and has remained a member throughout the years. Major-General R. W. Craddock, as he was until recently, now Lieut.-General Sir Richard Craddock, was promoted Lieut.-General and appointed G.O.C.-in-Chief British Troops in Hong Kong as recently as March 21 this year. He was educated at Charterhouse. From Sandhurst he joined the Royal East Kent Regt. (the "Buffs"). In the 1939–45 War he served in North-West Europe and earned the D.S.O., and was seriously wounded in the Normandy landing. Surviving the War, he became Director of Plans at the War Office (1951–53), then Major-General I/C Administration Northag BAOR (1957) and, later, Director of Military Operations at the War Office. In 1959 he was made a Companion of the Bath.

General Craddock's father, Sir Walter Craddock, D.S.O., M.C., who lives at Amberley, Glos., was one of the first Chairmen of the All-India Council of Toc H after it was formed in 1924. He retired from India in 1937 and became, as he still is, a keen and indefatigable supporter of many good causes in Gloucestershire.

Letter to Members

FROM THE HON. ADMINISTRATOR

ON MY DRESSING TABLE is a small ivory plaque with a Toc H lamp carved on its face and on the reverse an inscription "To our Pilot—C.B.E. 1933." When that was presented to me by my old friend Brooke-Elliott, or 'C.B.E.' as we all knew him in Madras, I certainly never realised I should have the responsibility of piloting Toc H in the much wider sense that goes with the office of Administrator.

I am most grateful to my friends who have given me the opportunity of trying to serve Toc H in this capacity at a time when the Movement in this country has committed itself to the exciting prospect of doubling the membership in two years.

The only message I can give to my fellow members of Toc H is that we are now committed more than ever before to show our affection for and confidence in Toc H by spreading it. In recent years I feel we have tended to be a ¶ little too complacent about the good things Toc H has done and the ways in which it has influenced many men to serve in other organisations and many of us have ceased to bother about adding to our Movement. We have now reached a stage in our history when it is necessary for us to build up our own strength so that in the next fifty years Toc H can make a greater contribution to the life of our society.

This can only be achieved by each one of us seeking out new members of Toc H from among those we meet in industry, business, sport and all the other departments of our life.

It is inspiring to hear of the way in which the membership is taking seriously the Resolution passed at the last Council Meeting that we must double our membership and balance our budget as our main target for the Jubilee in 1965

GEORGE DAVIS

JIM DAVIES

Many and widespread will be the regrets that Padre R. J. Davies has resigned from the staff and from his part-time appointment as Administrative Padre. It is thirty years exactly since as a young curate Jim joined the Yorkshire Area staff and became Carver chaplain in the Hull Mark. Between 1936 and 1942 he was Area Padre in the North-West and Lakeland Areas and then served four years as chaplain in the R.A.F. (which included being in Antwerp at the time of the German saturation V.1 attacks).

Returning to Toc H work in the North-West for a short while, in 1947 he took on the dual appointments of Rector of Ayot St. Peter with Ayot St. Lawrence and Area Padre, Beds and Herts. His small rural parish was as mixed as any Toc H man could wish for, containing farming folk, captains of industry, an ex-king and queen, and George Bernard Shaw.

In 1956 he succeeded Herbert Leggate as Administrative Padre, combining this as a part-time appointment with his parish duties. In 1962, already a Rural Dean, he moved to the larger parish of Aston with Benington, and it soon became plain that he could not sustain both this and his Toc H work.

Jim is Welsh and proud of it. Any crack about his being an unassimilated Welshman and he will come out of his corner fighting! His Welsh poetic fire, his scholarship and his philosophy are all linked with the common things of life, which is why we ordinary people always hear him gladly. His insight into the profound simplicity of Toc H is unsurpassed and we can ill do without it. We shall miss

his drolleries at staff gatherings and in committee, the humorous 'throw-away' that went straight to the heart of the matter.

The establishment of the Bordon Company and the publication of *The Still Centre* are largely due to him. Now that he is no longer on the staff we must yet make sure that his wisdom is still to be drawn upon. J.C.

DOR KNAP WEEKS

The summer season is now in full swing and the house is busy every week-end and at most week-ends is full to capacity. Full week parties are less easy to fill and there are still some vacancies in the five such parties which follow one another from *Saturday, July 27 to Saturday, September 7.*

These are:

W. July 27-August 3: **Old Timers' Week.** *Leader:* John Callf.

W. August 3-10: **Life and Work of a Branch.** *Leader:* Alec Churcher (a follow-up week for the 1962 party. A few vacancies for new men).

W. August 10-17: **Continental and Overseas Week.** *Leader:* Geoff Martin. (Some vacancies still for men with experience of Toc H overseas).

W. August 17-24: **Toc H and the Individual.** *Leaders:* Alec Churcher and John Mitchell. (Still room for a few more men).

W. August 31-September 7: **George Atkinson's Week.** (A few vacancies).

The second **"Communications" Course** for Area and District Leaders will be on the week-end of *September 27-29.* The subject this time will be *"Leading a Discussion Group"* and once again Bill Cain, who led the earlier course on "Speaking about Toc H," will share the leadership with Alec Churcher. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from an expert about this difficult art. Names to Area Staff or to Alec Churcher at Toc H Headquarters.

Building without Walls

ERIC FAULKNER

Extracted from "The Compass" is this major part of an address given in Johannesburg by the Chairman of Toc H South Africa. The occasion was the Birthday Celebration of Toc H held in February of this year. The title of the talk underlines the significance of the multi-racial membership now being fostered. Having recalled the past, and the part played in it by Bert Oldfield (now of Bognor Regis), Eric went on to say "But our pre-occupation must not be with the 38 years of Toc H in South Africa."

IT IS IMPORTANT not so much to assess our size or to speculate whether we have adhered to the true tradition as to ask what Toc H has to say to South Africa today. We cannot content ourselves on this anniversary by attempting to emulate the young man of uphappy project who, the Old Testament story tells us, set out with a foot-rule to measure Jerusalem. He was not the first and, we, should we follow, are unlikely to be the last to attempt to calculate spiritual aspiration, in terms of physical achievement.

Is a birthday service of reavowal the occasion to ascertain the length of Toc H in this land and its breadth? To assess the Movement as confined by the failures of the past and the fears engendered by the present? Zachariah would have had none of that. His young man, however sensible the purpose of the survey, was wrong. "Jerusalem," said the prophet, "shall be inhabited as villages without walls . . ." and as Jerusalem, so Toc H in South Africa. "Without walls . . .", limitless in its possibilities.

It is on human issues viewed from an ethical standpoint, not political or economic or doctrinal, that Toc H has an opportunity of making a worthwhile contribution in the coming years. The reconciliation to which we are pledged must be a matter of deeds, not of words. To help men know one another in this land we must leave the confines of the small branch meeting room with its language exclusiveness its colour trepidations and its preoccupation with the trivial. The Movement's hope for survival in South Africa lies in its capacity to adapt itself to the changing conditions in this country and to obey the rules and regulations it laid down for itself. This is not merely a matter of 'working out', it is the challenge of 'living out'. We fail unless we realise the multi-racial and divided society of our country presents the greatest challenge Toc H has known here or elsewhere.

Interpreting Toc H

Are we afraid to take this seriously because we fear it may mean too much? For this, and possibly other reasons, there are those in the Movement now, and others who are still to come into its membership, who would prefer the security of a friendly and sincere social service organisation. There is a place for them and we would not part company, we would not judge; we do not tell any member what his conviction should be. But with those members or groups who prefer a Toc H they know, there are others to whom the Movement has not yet interpreted itself in this land. Those, prompted by a sense of personal inadequacy or doubt, who wish to try out inter-racial reconciliation by living it. Can Toc H help them to begin and, if so, where?

The cleavage between Afrikaans and English-speaking people is, in most spheres outside the economic, a real one. More, it is a challenging one to our Movement pledged to help men to know each other.

Wherever and whenever this subject is introduced, a political undercurrent gushes to the surface; critical

emphasis is placed on differences in history, in language, in religion. Should this deter a Movement that corporately has no political ideology?

Sporadic attempts have been made within Toc H to 'attract the Afrikaaner' by taking 'Light' in his language and by preparing a translation of the Family Prayer which few have attempted to learn. That savours of patronage. Toc H in this country will only begin to take the first timid steps towards reconciliation of Afrikaans- and English-speaking, in contra-distinction to empty after-dinner sentiment, when it becomes bilingual. There is nothing dramatic in such a diagnosis. Until our meetings are conducted in either tongue, until *The Compass* contains articles in both languages, we will remain what Bert Oldfield brought to South Africa in 1925—an English Society. While Toc H South Africa remains of the same genus, the same family, it has of necessity been changed by climate and by soil and has, or should possess, its own indigenous qualities. Never a closed or exclusive family, it holds a trust for all mankind, but this trust we betray in any practice of sectionalism. A bilingual Toc H is a task that faces every Jobmaster.

'Facing both ways'

A recent American visitor to this country summed up his impressions in these words: "White and non-White should lower their voices, acknowledge their debt to each other and remember that economic co-operation is not enough. It must be tempered with human kindness and understanding." That is the test of 'facing both ways' in its South African setting—the tradition of the open door through which all men, and women, may enter and the emphasis on the eternal realities in human life and thought. In everyday, practical terms Toc H has to be an Every-man's Club, admitting all races, at a time when the majority of our White population is tied to a tradition of racial superiority. It is also pledged to a real and deep devotion to the way of Christ, at a time when the non-

White people of this continent are coming to regard Christianity as the White man's religion with what is disparagingly referred to as its emphasis on a 'master class.'

Can Toc H face 'both ways'? Does it see itself in this land as capable of making an enduring contribution to life and attitudes? Is our Christian witness to follow the safe course of a welfare organisation? Giving others things but never giving ourselves? A multi-social service and improvement guild, a luncheon and discussion club? To permit this is to bury our talent. The great task for which ¶ Toc H is uniquely equipped is that of bringing separated men together and confounding the things which keep us apart in camps of pride, of fear, of jealousy, of spite, of envy and of mistrust. The only way we can use that talent, if we are to escape the censure of the Master, is to recognise South Africa's urgent problem and by 'facing both ways,' enable all races, all language groups, all colours, to live together in love and joy and peace. An opportunity truly limitless in its possibilities.

CAR STICKERS

Toc H has often, and with sufficient reason, been described as a "good neighbour" Movement. Members who use the new black and gold car sticker (available from Headquarters at 2s. 6d. each) will hardly need reminding that good neighbourliness and courtesy on the roads constitute personal service to the community quite as much as any other form of service in which they may be engaged.

A right example in the business of driving is far more likely to evoke a right response than are the more customary exchanges which pass between motorists when the ability of one—or both—is in question! The caption speaks for itself.

A Welcome Word

Captain ANTHONY KIMMINS, O.B.E., R.N. (retd.)

Thanks to the constant friendship which Miss Sophie Tiarks and her surviving sister have bestowed upon All Hallows, their nephew Captain Anthony Kimmins, whose voice and pen interpreted to millions *The Fleet in Being* during World War II, has now bestowed upon Toc H today a magic tribute as a friend and neighbour at Hurstpierpoint, where he has now retired.

He is the most discerning President on work for Spastics, where the local branch of Toc H men have won his praise and keen co-operation from the first. Thus a contingent of these brave lads came to an effective Rally of Toc H with the district leaders who met at Brighton. After this meeting, Captain Kimmins asked us all into his home, and promised to supply an article especially on Toc H; an Overture towards our Jubilee. TUBBY.

LET ME BE FRANK. Proud as I should be to claim a long acquaintance with Toc H, I have to admit that it is only a few years since I made my first real contact with that wonderful organisation.

When Tubby challenged me on my regrettable lapse and I thoughtlessly suggested that Toc H—origin in Poperinge and all that—was probably more Military than Naval, the short plump figure leapt a good two feet into the air, recovered his breath and barked: 'Toc H is world wide, embracing Continents and Oceans alike.'

And of course he was dead right.

Nevertheless, the unforgiveable fact remains that while I have always maintained a close interest in such ex-Service organisations as the Royal Naval Association (why on earth did they change it from the Old Naval Comrades?) I had never come to grips with Toc H.

Naturally I had heard of its work—who hasn't? But to me it was mainly a name, one which had not only become so well known as to become an accepted part of our language, but one which, as an author, I had so often looked up to as a guiding star while burning the midnight oil, trying to think up some short, crisp, descriptive, easily memorised title for a new play, novel, or film.

'Toc H.' What a complete and colourful picture those four letters conjure up. The Time . . . '14-'18 The Place . . . Flanders; The Characters . . . Tommies; The Background . . . War.

And all summed up by one simple slice of signalman's slang. Was there a genius who thought that one up? I very much doubt it. I bet it just happened, grew out of the smoke of battle, then automatically fell into line with the humble beginnings in the small top room at Poperinge which would grow into the world-wide organisation embracing oceans and continents alike.

But, as I said earlier, I had never come to grips with Toc H until a few years ago when I became connected with the Searchlight Cripples Workshops overlooking Newhaven harbour.

Then suddenly Toc H seemed to come into every conversation. Many of the gallant crews who make up the Ship's Company of Searchlight are so severely handicapped that it is impossible for them to 'get around' without outside assistance.

That is where Toc H steps in, and again and again one hears the same words: 'Sorry, can't stop now. Going out with Toc H.'

That's the familiar cry in the summer, but when it comes to winter, you can imagine how long drawn out the evenings must seem with only the goggle-box as the main attraction. Once again Toc H to the rescue.

I have just been looking through the records of past Toc H meetings at Searchlight and the reports of their lectures and discussions. Every conceivable subject seems to have been touched on at one time or another, so no

wonder the lads whom fate has kept indoors on winter evenings have amassed such a far wider range of general knowledge than their able-bodied brothers who have been too busy chasing their own tails to discover the outside world.

As the President of Searchlight, may I say on behalf of everyone there: 'THANK YOU, TOC H.'

Elder Brethren

'With proud thanksgiving . . .'

ARMES.—On May 21, THOMAS WILLIAM ARMES, aged 69, a member of Sheringham Branch. Elected 17.3.'59.

ASPINALL.—On March 27, WALTER ASPINALL, a member of Prince Rupert Branch, Canada. Elected 30.9.'36.

BARRINGTON.—On April 20, HAROLD BARRINGTON, aged 79, a member of Crieff Branch. Elected 25.2.'57.

BOOTH.—On May 12, VINCENT GEORGE BOOTH, aged 80, a member of Barnsley Branch. Elected 12.10.'60.

CHILD.—On May 22, CHARLES GEORGE CHILD, a Scotland General member. Elected 1.4.'32.

COSTAIN.—On May 6, the Rev. ALFRED JAMES COSTAIN, ('Ajax'), aged 81, a former Headmaster of Rydal School and a member of Colwyn Bay Branch. Elected 5.1.'27.

EDGAR.—On May 4, FREDERICK EDGAR, aged 43, a member of Seaton Branch. Elected 5.6.'62.

GORELL.—On May 2, The Lord GORELL, aged 78, a former Deputy Director of staff duties at the War Office and founder of the Royal Army Educational Corps. Elected 2.9.'36.

HOLT.—On April 18, CLIFFORD ROSTRON HOLT, aged 62, a member of Leicester Branch and formerly of Mark IV, Manchester, Mark V, Southampton and Cowes Branches. Elected 6.8.'31.

HUBBARD.—On May 19, STANLEY HUBBARD, aged 58, a member of Southgate Branch. Elected 1.12.'55.

JONES.—On April 23, THOMAS HUGHES JONES, aged 67, a member of Blaenau Ffestiniog Branch. Elected 27.10.'54.

MADDOCK.—On May 4, WILLIAM MADDOCK, aged 77, a member of Landrake Branch. Elected 1.6.'60.

OGDEN.—On April 18, ARTHUR GEORGE OGDEN, aged 51, a founder member of Cranleigh Branch. Elected 4.2.'47.

ROBINSON.—On May 10, GEORGE ROBINSON, aged 61, a member of Dolgellau Branch. Elected 20.1.'55.

SHERRATT.—On May 3, JAMES SHERRATT, aged 72, a member of Wellingborough Branch. Elected 11.4.'30.

SMITH.—On April 12, HARRY CHARLES SMITH, aged 76, a member of Canvey Island Branch. Elected 4.9.'58.

WAKEFORD.—On April 20, FREDERICK CHARLES WAKEFORD, aged 73, a former member of Henstridge Branch. Elected 12.3.'53.

WALKER.—On March 22, THOMAS HENRY WALKER, aged 61, a member of Dolgellau Branch. Elected 3.9.'54.

WALPOLE.—On May 6, ROBERT HENRY WALPOLE, a member of Edinburgh Branch. Elected 7.3.'33.

YOUNG.—On May 1, JAMES MCINTOSH YOUNG, aged 70, the secretary of Neilston Branch. Elected 28.12.'50.

In Memoriam

ALFRED JAMES COSTAIN

WHEN Toc H began in North Wales one of the founders and pioneers of the movement was the then Headmaster of Rydal School, Colwyn Bay, the Rev. Alfred James Costain. He soon became known and loved throughout Toc H as 'Ajax' Costain. At the age of 81 he has died at Abersoch in Caernarvonshire.

Those of us who came to know him during the years of his retirement easily came under his spell. He was a man of great personal force, active, gay and outward looking but quickly one felt that all his powers were under the authority of the most profound Christian conviction. It was natural to learn more of his life and work. He had been educated at Merchant Taylors School, Crosby, in Lancashire, and at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he was an Exhibitioner. He entered the Wesleyan Methodist ministry in 1904 and after a chaplaincy at Leys School, Cambridge, and circuit work in the North of England he was called in 1915 to be Headmaster of the Rydal School in Colwyn Bay. Here he laboured for thirty-one years and in tribute to his great work in that time he is sometimes referred to as the second founder of the school.

That should have been enough for any man but his energies and convictions inevitably carried him into public life of his church and the community of North Wales. His political activities were of the radical sort and it is easy to believe that his genius would have put him in the front rank of British statesmen if politics had been his first choice. As it was his speeches and press articles helped to mould a Christian public opinion on the tragic social issues of the thirties. One significant tribute was that he never despised "Parish Pump", finding in fact great scope for service in the local affairs of town and council. He helped Scouting, he led in Rotary, and he inspired and built much of Toc H in North Wales and for many years served as Chairman of the Area.

Above all we remember as great moments of experience every time of fellowship with the man himself. His prowess in public life and in the fields of sport had taught him how to give and take all the knocks with humour and whimsical tolerance. As preacher and platform speaker he was in a class of his own. He was never remote, never the performer, and this because his genuine love of his fellows always gave radiance to his speech. That also was the thing which drew him to Toc H. Once I heard him say: "Toc H puts the laugh into our Christianity." To the end, the worth of the Movement held his interest and affection. The idea of an "Owen Watkins" room in Prideaux House aroused his generosity and that of his old School. There will always be more to know and more to praise in him and this because his faith and his manhood were one commitment in Christ. J.J.

CLIFFORD HOLT

Those who knew 'Cliff' will always feel that they have seen the Light of God more clearly because they have known his high-hearted happiness and his enthusiastic interest in so many subjects.

In 1926, being appointed to the Oldham Branch of the National Provincial Bank, he became a Marksman at Mark IV, Manchester, and joined Toc H there shortly afterwards. He became Rover Leader of the Toc H Rover Scouts and was a member of the Rugger Team, and he took a keen interest in the "Wireless for the Blind" movement, actually building and installing many sets.

Cliff was transferred to Southampton in 1935 where he came into close contact with Talbot House Seafaring Boys' Club, having always had a great love for sailing and an intimate knowledge of conditions at sea. During this period he held several offices in Toc H, including that of Chairman of Southampton Branch.

In the early 1950's Cliff was moved to a bank in the Leicester area, and here he was soon deeply involved in the affairs of Toc H, giving service on the Area Guard of the Lamp and the Leicester District Team. He was a real leader in expansion work, and I myself, as Branch Pilot, feel a great debt of gratitude for the inspiration he gave in this field at District level. He was active right up to the last and did an immense amount of hard work in preparation for the celebration of the Fortieth Birthday of Leicester Branch in December 1962. G.E.N.

FRANK KERRIDGE

FRANK was known and loved by a wide circle of friends which extended far beyond Wimborne. His work on the District Team; the Area Executive; as Warden of the Old House at Poperinge; at Gibraltar House, Portsmouth, during the second world war and on various pilgrimages made him known to many.

He detested humbug and was forthright and outspoken in his condemnation; but to see him amongst the physically handicapped, old folks in hospital and little children was to see him at his best.

A spell in hospital during the first world war brought out a love of needlework which became part of his workaday life. This artistry also found expression in his floral arrangements, notably in the Minster where, week by week his special delight was in the flowers he arranged and placed by the lectern.

It has been said that he lived for the Minster; it would be more correct to say that he lived for the things for which the Minster stood. He served that ancient church as a chorister from boyhood and later as Churchwarden and Governor.

Frank came from a family known for its longevity; indeed it is only a year ago that his father died at the age of 94 and we had expected to have Frank with us for many years to come. It was not to be and we are the poorer for his passing yet immensely rich in having known him. W.W.

A PRESIDENT

IN APRIL, 1940, at the time of the 'phoney war', the Commander of the II Corps paid a surprise visit to the Toc H Services Club near the railway station at Lille in his sector of Northern France. After friendly chats with all in the house he was asked by the Warden, Reg Staton, to sign the visitors' book. He wrote: "Alan Brooke, Red House, Hartley Wintney". No rank, no office, no fuss. This may have been a measure of military security but we liked him for his modesty. So did Hartley Wintney Branch later.

"One of the greatest soldiers of his generation", Field Marshal Viscount ALANBROOKE, K.G., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., accepted the office of a President of the Toc H Association in 1957. He died on June 17, aged 79.

Fellowship on Trial-1.

JOHN CALLF

THE FIRST Toc H staff conference, held as early as 1925 with a handful of men, had, as the first item on the agenda "What to do with the dud member." What could be more inevitable than that this question should crop up in those early days. History does not record that they produced any satisfactory ruling.

Maybe it was at another kind of staff conference that someone asked Jesus the same sort of question and we have Matthew to thank for recording his ruling. Our Lord said "If your brother commits a sin, go and take the matter up with him, strictly between yourselves, and if he listens to you, you have won your brother over. If he will not listen, take one or two others with you, so that all facts may be duly established on the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, report the matter to the congregation; and if he will not listen even to the congregation, you must then treat him as you would a pagan or a tax-gatherer."

Three points

Three points are clear: (1) That the fellowship must have its standards of conduct; (2) that genuine, strenuous efforts must be made by the whole fellowship to bring a defaulter up to scratch; (3) that if all effort fails then he should be put outside the fellowship and no bones about it.

Toc H Branch officers could have no better ruling to work on. It is practical, down-to-earth stuff, free of sentiment and slop. Not infrequently we come across the opinion that because Talbot House called itself "Every-

man's Club" we must therefore accept any man at any price. Toc H is indeed open to Everyman but it has standards to maintain which cannot possibly be to every man's liking. The job of Toc H is to change the chaps, not the standards.

Keeping the standard of Branch fellowship high is the collective job of all the Branch officers. It is their biggest and most exciting task, for I know of nothing more thrilling than to be in the midst of a happy, high-powered Toc H Branch. It is achieved only by hard work and hanging on to men. Too many Branch Executives let men go without trying to win them back, or else they suffer the Branch to plod along with completely uninspiring standards of performance. At the end of the year they just remove from the Branch Roll those who no longer turn up. Often this is heroically described as "cutting off the dead wood." Perhaps the real dead wood is located somewhere above their own shoulders. Many a potentially good member has been pronounced no longer in good standing because the Branch Officers were too long in bad sitting.

Exciting fellowship

Good fellowship is not a state of constant, amiable agreement and avoidance of serious disagreement. Cows in a field can be that good. The really exciting fellowships are those in which, for all the basic unity of purpose, arguments are continually going on. We call them tensions. The trouble is that we read so often in the papers of "tensions in the Middle East" or such like that we equate tensions with hostilities. Thus when we hear a speaker say that Branches should have tensions we agree fervently with what he says and pray fervently to God that we may be spared such things.

Tensions just mean some pulling one way, some pulling another. Thus Tom may see Toc H mainly as "jobs, jobs and more jobs"; to Dick the appeal above all else is what he calls "the spiritual side"; as to Harry

it is the talks and the arguments that attract him. If Tom had his way the Branch would be a social service organisation; left to Dick it would become a set of Holy Joes; left to Harry it would be a debating society. But if Tom, Dick and Harry and the rest all exert their honest pulls then the resultant fellowship will enrich every man far above the worth of his own individual contribution. He will find himself doing things he would never have dreamt of doing on his own. The Branch Officers must ensure that this give-and-take goes on all the time and not funk the possibility of an occasional out-and-out dust-up. More good than harm will come of it.

[*to be concluded*]

HIS ORDINARY FACE

A modern half-truth, subtler than a lie,
Calls beauty always feminin , eighteen
And wearing a bikini; women vie
Against each other for the rôle of queen
At carnivals, intent upon men's praise;
It's out of date to recognise the charm
Of age that has survived life's anxious days
With looks ennobled and a mind of calm.

To speak of manly beauty is taboo,
And hints at pointed shoes and blow-waved hair–
Symptoms of self run wild; but that's not true:
My dear love is completely unaware
That goodness and compassion and God's grace
Illuminate his ordinary face.

DOROTHY FLANN.

SCHOOLS 'WORK-AND
EASTER WEEKS A

At work with saw and axe

Coffee break for tree-fellers

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Digging out the car park

Shifting the surplus earth

Photographs by John Dessauer

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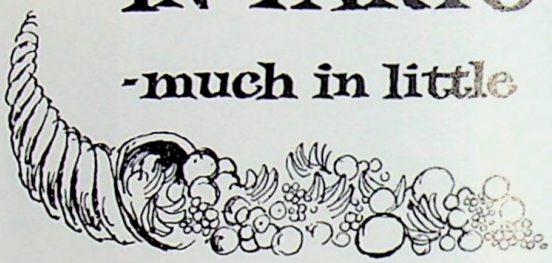

¶ The BIRTHDAY HONOURS included: LT.-GEN. RICHARD W. (DICK) CRADDOCK, K.B.E.; CHARLES H. WAKE, I.S.O., DENNIS A. ETHERIDGE (Central Africa), O.B.E.

¶ THE REV. A. G. (BOB) KNIGHT (Congregational), lately in Manchester and North Western Areas, has taken up his appointment as Administrative Padre in succession to the Rev. R. Jim Davies.

¶ RAY C. FABES, Beds and Herts Secretary, is now in the U.S.A. as a member of this year's contingent of Clayton Volunteers.

¶ F. O. (OSSIE) JOSEPH, staff man in Western Province, South Africa, accompanied by his wife, Edith, has seen much of Toc H in the U.K. during his two months' visit just ended. He was present at the Central Council in April and took part in the Staff Conference last month.

¶ AN IMPORTANT DATE—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1963, when we shall be 'on the air' for another 'WEEK'S GOOD CAUSE' for our own work at 8.25 p.m. on all the BBC Home Services.

¶ SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1965—a date to remember. A Thanksgiving Service followed by a Festival Evening in the Royal Albert Hall will mark the end of the London week of Jubilee Celebrations.

¶ THE JUBILEE IN FLOWERS. Local Parks Departments are likely to give sympathetic consideration to requests made *now* for floral displays depicting the Toc H Lamp and incorporating a reference to the Jubilee in parks during 1965. In due course a suggested pattern will be available from Headquarters.

FROM ALL PARTS

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NORTHERN

New beginnings are slowly building up. BERWICK HILLS, a new estate in Middlesbrough, now has a group meeting regularly on Wednesdays in the Community Centre. The five Branches in Middlesbrough each 'loaned' one member to form the nucleus while door-to-door visiting is spread over the next few months. An inaugural meeting is being held in ST. ANTHONY'S, Newcastle, following contacts being made over a wide field. A new venture is taking shape at HUMBLEDON, Sunderland, bordering some new estates. Regular meetings are attracting a number of newcomers while service is involving them in local needs. The possibilities of joint Branches at DARLINGTON and NEWCASTLE are being looked into.

CARLIN HOW has launched a recruiting campaign and it is hoped to build up Branch strength during the next few weeks. ACKLAM Branch has a useful breeding ground for potential members in the shape of a junior football team comprised of sons of Branch members. The Branch has also been organising cross-country races for uniformed youth organisations under the District scheme promoted by Bill Bassham of NORTON Branch.

The gauntlet has been thrown down by the Northern end of the Area in a cricket match challenge to the Southern end. July 13 is the date for the match and BILLINGHAM the spot. DURHAM CITY Branch have been giving help in starting a blind club in the City and are also on a town-gown investigating committee to look into the possibilities of an international centre for students at Durham University.

HEXHAM Branch are early off the mark for next Christmas in an appeal for toys to repair and prepare. Nothing like looking ahead. Looking forward not quite so far, it is hoped to repeat the river trip down the Tyne to South Shields on September 8.

LES WHEATLEY.

SURREY

Congratulations to CRANLEIGH on their attaining Branch status. Their Lamp was presented to them on March 22, by Cyril Cattell. Although there is no full-time staff man in Surrey, the Area Guard have planned a series of Area Forums, at which members will be free to set their problems to a staff man who will be present. The first of these meetings was held at EPSOM on April 23, when Cyril Cattell held the fort and the main topic was 'Extension'. A second Area Forum will be held at Farnham Castle on September 7, when Padre Clifford Pollard will be present, with the theme for discussion 'Making Contact'.

At a successful Area Guest-night held on May 13, Harry Gell spoke to an enthusiastic gathering on "Practical Toc H Today".

ALLAN HUNT.

Kent and Sussex Courier

The Mayor and Mayoress of Royal Tunbridge Wells, and Les Berwick, talk with guests at the Branch's annual old folks party

KENT

TUNBRIDGE WELLS Branch, assisted as usual by the Women's Branches in the town, recently held their 35th annual Old Folks Party in the Assembly Hall. Over 300 guests sat down to tea and were welcomed by the vice-chairman and invited to enjoy themselves. During tea the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. D. Savage) walked round and chatted to the guests, and helped in keeping the cups filled. After the meal the party were entertained by children from a local School of Ballet—and a more sophisticated trio. A feature of this party is that the dozen-or-so car drivers who fetch and return those of the guests who cannot manage under their own steam are friends of the Branch who do this and similar jobs regularly.

A. MANKELOW.

A.E.R.E. Harwell

Members of the new lunch-hour group at Harwell A.E.R.E. sort clothing collected for Oxfam

SCOTLAND

For some years past the EDINBURGH Branches of Toc H and the Women's Association, under the guidance of the Edinburgh Toc H Joint District Committee, have arranged an annual outing for old and home-bound folks who normally seldom get very far from their own doors. This is not the usual type of annual outing for old age pensioners, rather is it a culmination of the previous year's work in making contacts with isolated cases of old folk who otherwise would receive little attention. The information on these "cases" is gleaned from a variety of sources including the Cripple Aid Society, the Edinburgh Toc H Branch Home-Bound Projector Service, and the Almoners of one of the big City hospitals.

In previous years, CUMBERNAULD, SELKIRK and TILLICOULTRY have been visited and the Branches in these places have made all the arrangements for the reception, hospitality and entertainment of the old folk, their escorts and the drivers. This year KELSO Branch acted as hosts and on a fine, if not very warm, Saturday afternoon a convoy of some fourteen cars left Edinburgh and made their way through the beautiful Border country to the historic Burgh of Kelso, to be met by members of the local Branch who had turned out in full strength for the occasion, under their Pilot, Hector Innes.

A welcoming address was given by the Provost, David Ferguson, who has long been associated with the Branch. After a more than satisfying meal, the old folks were entertained to a concert given by local friends of the Branch. Old songs, new songs, Border

ballads, Scottish airs and English glees, intermingled to provide the old-time entertainment which in these days of mechanically produced syncopation is but too rarely heard. All too soon the time for returning came and, having collected their elderly brood, the members of the Edinburgh Branches moved off North, through the quiet of a spring evening, back to Edinburgh.

This year's Scottish Council, held at the B.B. Training Centre, Carronvale, Larbert, was noteworthy for two reasons: (a) an increase in the attendance of members who stayed for the full week-end, and (b) a departure from the traditional Principal Guest Speaker, in place of which an experiment was tried, consisting of two short playlets enacted by members from Edinburgh and Selkirk Branches.

Some of the members at the Scottish Annual Council

The Saturday meeting was devoted to the ordinary business of Toc H in Scotland under the Chairmanship of Jim Findlay of Largs Branch who succeeded Bob Livingston of Selkirk as our Area Chairman, subsequent to Bob having had a serious illness. Members attending the Conference were drawn from nineteen Branches together with representatives of the General Branch, and listened to accounts of their stewardship given by a number of area officers. Unfortunately our Treasurer, Lyndsay Orr, was unable to be present but his prepared report was given by Ray Fawcett. The afternoon's business was expeditiously if somewhat drily disposed of and the evening was given over to entertainment produced by the members themselves and led by Jack Millar of Selkirk Branch supported by Alan Gillett with his able performance on the zither, Andy Birrell, also Dunfermline, with his ever-popular and wide range of songs, David Peacock, one of our younger members from Hawick, and others. This Saturday evening entertainment has now become a traditional part of Carronvale and long may it continue, there being no television, radio or other mechanical contraption to provide tinned music and such-like sterile entertainment.

On Sunday a devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. Loudon Melrose, M.A., B.D., Ed.B., of Larbert East Church. After coffee, and with some trepidation, the new training technique was introduced by the Area Secretary in the absence of Bob Leslie who was attending Central Council. The idea of the playlets was produced by Bob who had also written the scenario for both 'acts'. The Edinburgh players had the difficult role of having to pretend to be a bunch of rather well-meaning but artless indi-

viduals who had picked up their knowledge of Toc H from hearsay and overheard snippets of conversation. For men who had spent many years in the Movement to put over this type of naïve patter was not easy. However, they managed to produce the necessary problems, difficulties, uncertainties and doubts.

A playlet by Selkirk members

Now enter the Selkirk players; slick, knowledgeable, businesslike and knowing all the answers. In no uncertain fashion they dealt confidently with all the 'Edinburgh' problems and despite well-simulated arguments and differences of opinion they managed to produce a convincing set of answers.

The subsequent discussion was as lively as could be expected and the day's proceedings were summed up by Alan Hill in a most able manner. Alan also gave a short talk to the meeting on the progress made with regard to the Loch Eil Centre and appealed to the Scottish membership for their further support in obtaining more candidates to fill the remaining vacancies on his courses.

By popular vote, it was agreed that this year's Carronvale had been the best for a number of years and this was undoubtedly due to the willing help of a team of assistants working under the direction of the Conference's Convener, Bob Hood. Good food, comfortable lodgings, cheery company and useful practical discussion made this a memorable Toc H occasion. REG STEWART.

WEST YORKSHIRE

A short time ago, almost unnoticed, came Bob and Molly Purdy. But not unnoticed for long, and we in Yorkshire are already sure that Toc H and indeed many other bodies are going to benefit from their presence among us.

Over the years, members of LINDLEY Branch have been doing a good job of work at White Windows, a local Cheshire Home. We say 'local' but it is no small thing for half a dozen men each Sunday morning, armed with picks, shovels, trowels and all the paraphernalia that goes to making paths, walls, garden beds, etc., and travel approximately fifteen miles round journey on this worthwhile regular job. FRED THREADGOULD.

HUDDERSFIELD District Team took over Hollybrook Guest House, Ilkley, for their Training Week-end in May. In order to be more fully aware of what is entailed in doubling the membership by Jubilee Year the theme for the week-end was 'Assessment' and 'Adjustment'. Bob Purdy who led the discussions was in fine form and the Team were left in no uncertainty as to the work that lies ahead of them. All were agreed that the week-end talks had been most profitable. FRED BROOK.

WESTERN LONDON

The object of the West London Area Rally on Saturday, May 25, at St. Paul's Congregational Church, Richmond, was to prepare ourselves for the Golden Jubilee of Toc H in 1965. At the opening service, conducted by two Branch Padres, the Rev. Jim Davies, Administrative Padre, was the preacher. After tea, Leon Polak, the Area Chairman, presided over a session at which Mayne Elson conducted us on a tour of the Area, pin-pointing its problems and achievements and four speakers told us of jobs being done in the Area—the Ruislip Boys' Club, the tidying up of the church in Smith Square, the Torch Players and the football broadcasts to hospitals. Hugh Beeton (Central Executive) then outlined some of the plans for Jubilee Year which led to a lively and stimulating discussion. Community singing opened the evening's entertainment programme, which included a conjuror, accordionists, two Shakespearean excerpts by the Torch Players and music on the handbells by the Richmond Ringers. Banner and Lamp bearers then took their places on the stage and the rally closed with 'Light' and Homegoing Prayers. This was our first rally since 1948, but judging by its success we hope it might become a regular feature in the Area. TIM DALY.

LINCOLNSHIRE

"Progress" is no doubt the one word that every organisation or society likes to use both frequently and with certainty. It is a word that this Area has perhaps not been fortunate enough to be able to use for some years past, but now we can really declare real progress and we are extremely jubilant. How does one assess it?

The spirit? . . . yes, the strength of the feeling of a family is becoming more keenly felt, and there is more inter-unit and inter-District visiting than for some years past.

The membership? . . . yes, we believe that numbers do count, and at long last our steady decline in membership has really been halted and we show at last an increase upon last year.

Extension? . . . well, there are moves afoot backed up by a growing enthusiasm to spread our net far and wide.

Service? . . . whilst in most rural areas the openings for new forms of service are severely limited there are at least moves to rediscover the needs of community and to make our service relevant.

Stewardship? . . . though still far off the target there is a growing awareness of the need to give, but it is no longer a matter of "sending something to Headquarters" but a genuine desire to support the work of the family.

Training? . . . this is gathering momentum and recently the HUMBER District, in considering their needs in this direction, held a most successful Training Conference with "Why Meet?" and "Branch Formation" as the topics for discussion.

Yes, we both feel and know that we have progressed together, and are sure enough to be able to predict that in the coming months this trend will be even more in evidence, particularly now that the Area has embarked upon a system of new leadership in

Personal Responsibility, so that in place of our past tendencies towards parochialism we now have the urge to go out, give out and grow out! These are indeed exciting times to be alive in the Lincolnshire Area.

GEORGE LEE.

Bedfordshire Times

Harpenden and Batford display stand at their local exhibition

BEDS & HERTS

"Enjoy your Leisure" and "Know your Neighbourhood"—two themes this month very near the hearts of all Toc H Branches. In Hertfordshire, Harpenden took part in an excellent two-day exhibition sponsored by the Rotary Club of all local organisations. The two men's Branches in the town, HARPENDEN and BATFORD, manned the stall and the ladies had a stall next to it.

In Bedfordshire our new and enthusiastic group at TODDINGTON, just recognised, have been at endless pains to get all the necessary details for their local Directory, which is now complete. They have amassed a wealth of local information and the first response from local traders for advertisement space is most encouraging. This hard-covered Directory will be a free issue of 1,500 or more, to every house in Toddington.

At last the well-earned Lamp has arrived at BLETCHLEY and on the night it was presented, the ninety-odd who turned up were delighted with an account by Geoffrey Mac Entegart of why he joined Toc H. May also saw the first lighting of yet another Lamp in the Area, this time at GOLDINGTON, Bedford, where Freddie Petch spoke to the sixty or so assembled—as did the Area Secretary—so the least said the better.

RAY FABES.

Eastern Daily Press

Work in progress on the new stockmen's canteen at the Royal Norfolk Show

EAST ANGLIA

During the spring, well-attended meetings of members from nearby Branches gathered at SHERINGHAM, IPSWICH and BURY ST. EDMUNDS to welcome Padre John Jones from North Wales. Apart from relating some of the tasks tackled by members in Wales, John spoke of the challenge facing all members now and in the future. A few days later, sixty members assembled at Overstrand for the first Area Week-end of the year.

Branches in the WEST SUFFOLK District have adopted the village of Dimbwal Gaon, in Assam, as their contribution to the 'Freedom from Hunger Campaign'. A minimum sum of £450 is to be raised and all Branches are now busy in their efforts to reach the target, in which they are enlisting the help of the various organisations in village and town. The 'Freedom from Hunger Campaign' initiated by NORTH WALSHAM Branch is well under way, and already nearly half-way to the target of £1,000.

Alec Churcher has spent three days in the Area. At BECK ROW Alec met members of the Divisional Executive and Chairmen of all Branches, when the main emphasis of the informal meeting was on Extension. The next night saw an even more informal meeting of members from the IPSWICH District and from COLCHESTER Branch at 'The Duke's Head', Coddenham. There were no speeches or formality, but the meeting will be remembered for a long time as one at which members really met each other.

Alec Churcher's final meeting was a little more formal, with the Norfolk Divisional Executive at CAISTER-ON-SEA, held in the old Railway Station which is now the headquarters of the local Branch.

Our final visitor during May was Ray Fabes, from Beds & Herts Area. Ray divided his attention between the ladies at a meeting of

the new WAVENEY W.A. Branch and members of GIMINGHAM group, who had an excellent evening shared by members from nearby Branches.

We are grateful to all our visitors. Our thanks will surely best be expressed in the raising of standards and overall expansion of Toc H in the Area as a result of the lead they have given us.

REG SMITH.

C. Griffin, Presteigne

Members at Marches District Conference at Presteigne

WEST MIDLANDS

The departure of Bob Purdy for the Yorkshire Areas on March 31 was marked in numbers of ways in many places throughout the Area. At the Area weekend at Dor Knap on March 21 Bob was presented with a handsome clock and an equally handsome tribute at the hands of 'Raja' Jack, the Area Chairman. Raja expressed the thanks of all members for the tremendous work Bob had put in, particularly in the field of extension, during his eight years in the West Midlands. We shall greatly miss that 'great little man' and everybody wishes him well in his new Area.

Congratulations go to Richard Ayshford-Sanford of Broadway on his election to the Central Executive and our thanks are due to Robin Dunford who held that office until the 1963 elections.

KIDDERMINSTER and STOURPORT Branches, together with BEWDLEY group, have been formed into a new SEVERN VALLEY District and they are looking to extension.

The Area weekend was noteworthy in a number of ways besides

the presentation to Bob. Bill Harris of Notts. and Derby. led the discussions on two documents issued by the Central Guard of the Lamp titled "Essential Toc H, The Branch" and "Twelve Points about Increasing the Membership of Toc H". Our newest and youngest Branch at TYSELEY provided the light relief and are to be congratulated on a strong and effective turnout at the weekend. Just as the last session was finishing who should appear but Tubby himself, on the way to a 'preachment'.

EDWIN W. ATKIN.

On Tuesday, April 30, TYSELEY JOINT Branch received their Lamp of Maintenance, being the first Branch whose members, at that time, were all under twenty-one years of age. The service, which was attended by 300 representatives from men's and women's Branches from all over the Midlands, was conducted by the Branch Padre, the Rev. J. Kemp, in the presence of the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Rev. Leonard Wilson.

After the service all were invited into the Church Hall where some entertainment was preceded by a talk given by the Branch Chairman, Patricia Miles, in which she gave a persuasive argument as to the solution of that perennial problem of mixed units and their advantages. This was followed by the indefatigable 'Tubby' who, surmounted the problem of limited time with incredible ease and spoke of many things in the short space of approximately ten minutes.

Lively entertainment was concluded by the singing of a few popular 'oldies' and refreshments followed. Many enjoyed the very successful evening made more memorable by 'Tubby's' presence.

CAROL A. HARRIS.

EAST YORKSHIRE

BRIDLINGTON Branch and members of the Toc H Women's Association have formed a Fellowship Committee as a channel of Toc H service to the residents of Burlington House, a home for old people. George Gosling, Branch Secretary, and Cyril Walkington, Treasurer, worked on the idea for several months before the committee was finally formed. To quote George "We are anxious to share our happiness with them, and make their lives a little happier by personal relationship. There are 91 residents at present, the oldest being 95. We can be their friends. Each helper will adopt, as it were, one or two of the residents, and give them their special attention".

The superintendent of Burlington House, Mr. R. Barron, is a co-opted member of the committee. Already the old people have been provided with a much-appreciated evening's entertainment, given by a party of local children, and on another evening the Deputy Mayor (a committee member) assisted with the presentation of a selection of coloured transparencies, featuring the olden days, accompanied by old songs played on a tape-recorder. The evening was entitled "Down Memory Lane" and was a great success with the old people.

BILL HARDY.

WESTERN

The "Design for Living" Exhibition in Bath organised by the Mothers' Union, in which Toc H Branches in Bath were asked to take part, was of very real interest. The Toc H stall was erected, and much literature and information about Toc H was given out to many enquirers. The Toc H film *A Lamp Burns* was, with one other film, requested more often than any of the many films on show.

Cyril Love, Bath

Bath Branches stall at the local 'Design for Living' Exhibition

LONGLEVENS Branch entertained a party from Shirehampton, Bristol, on Saturday afternoon, May 25, at the Village Hall. A high tea was laid on for the guests, a party of elderly folk who were rarely able to venture far from their own homes. The trip was organised by Toc H SHIREHAMPTON Branch. The standard of catering was greatly appreciated by all, with very many thanks to those who helped.

The Founder Padre's meetings in the Western Area were highly successful. At GLOUCESTER some seventy leaders as well as a number of old friends attended a meeting. At CALNE, over a hundred attended the meeting in the Town Hall. In BRISTOL he addressed the Missions to Seamen's Annual General Meeting, and there were many Toc H members present. At BURNHAM-ON-SEA, leaders from West Mendip and Vale of Avalon turned up in force, and Tubby again enthused and thrilled all present. Many members hope that they will be as vigorous and as enthusiastic as Tubby at seventy-eight years of age.

There is a proposal afoot for a Holiday weekend to be organised for members and families in the Western Area, and whilst the date is not yet finalised it is likely to take place on September 26-27 at Pontin's Holiday Camp, Sand Bay, Weston-Super-Mare. The cost will be around £2 from Saturday lunch time to afternoon tea time on Sunday. We hope this will be a very real family occasion.

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.

SOUTHERN

Cecil Burton, the Boscombe Branch News Correspondent, writes: "It began with an egg. Of course there is nothing new in this sort of beginning. But this was a chocolate egg, very big, and reposing in a beautiful basket. 'All Yours for Sixpence,' said somebody. The tanners came rolling in, for no one could miss the chance of winning such a lovely egg. Fortune smiled on the sister of one of our members, and she duly conveyed the outsize egg home. (*Area Sec.'s Note*: The story of the member's sister and the outsize egg finishes there, we hope that it had a happy ending!) So many sixpences had been collected that BOSCOMBE Branch were able to hire a motor coach to take thirty old folk out for an afternoon in the country, with tea provided. All this, because of an egg and a little enterprise."

Our Branches in JERSEY are planning for regular visits to be made to the new "St. Helier House" old people's home that was opened recently by the Queen Mother. When two members were visiting the home recently, one old lady was terribly excited when she heard that Toc H were there, for she hoped that Tubby Clayton might be with them. She remembered meeting him years ago in Palmers Green, and has always wanted to see him again. The ST. HELIER Branch Headquarters is well booked for the summer season, when parties of Scouts, boys from special schools, and members from other youth organisations will be staying there.

The Island of GUERNSEY has also had a visit from the Queen Mother, who during an inspection of ex-Servicemen, was quick to note the Toc H Badge in the buttonhole of Cyril Wattam, the Secretary of St. Peter Port Branch. Both Men's and Women's Branches in Guernsey are playing a full part in the Samaritan service which has just started in the Island. During a recent spell of duty, one member had five calls from people needing help, advice or encouragement. Members from the mainland, attending the annual Area Conference in Bournemouth, were glad to welcome members from both Jersey and Guernsey, and to hear, first hand, about some of the things that are going on over there.

As in previous years the Mayor and Mayoress of Southampton were the chief guests at the A.G.M. of Talbot House Seafaring Boys' Residential Club. The reports given by the officers and Dick Hughes, the Warden, all told of a most successful year, during which the Club was used by more boys than ever before. Toc H throughout the world should give thanks that, after nearly forty years, Talbot House is still fulfilling its original purpose of offering a home to Seafaring Boys using the great Port of Southampton.

FRED BROOKER.

SOUTH WESTERN

Once again this Area has had its annual encounter with the EAST LONDON Area at Dor Knap, and this proved to be as stimulating and worthwhile as its predecessors. Blessed with glorious weather we worked, laughed, talked and prayed together, learned much from our speakers, Colin Stevenson and Bob Grey, and from the discussions which arose from their talks. We look forward greatly to the next round in the contest!

Over the last year or two there has gradually been developing a very worthwhile relationship between the Haldon Open Prison and the Branches in the SOUTH DEVON District and in EXETER. Though this has been confined so far to cricket matches and games evenings, plus a concert party from DAWLISH, there are signs that the deepening friendship might yet give rise to some form of service being carried out together. GILBERT FRANCIS.

MONMOUTHSHIRE

GRIFFITHSTOWN now show a membership of 19 plus, with an average attendance of 11, which is good considering the winter weather and the snow still around until mid-April. Their jobs have included the Cheshire Homes, Blood Donors' Service and collections for Oxfam. They have also made a very successful collection of Christmas cards for the Guide Dogs for the Blind, also the purchase of a de-icing transformer—nothing like being prepared for future frosts. Two or three members are looking forward to spending the week-end with the Division and members from the Southern Area at Dor Knap.

CHEPSTOW have been busy decorating their new headquarters, where they now meet on Thursdays, and have also decorated the Old Age Pensioners' hut. BEDWAS have also been busy with Blood Donors and Old Age Pensioners, although the winter weather held up their weekly meetings.

ABERTILLERY have undertaken the collection of books and magazines for distribution to patients in local hospitals. NEWPORT now have two Fortnightly Clubs for the old and the disabled and have recommenced their bus outings weekly to the seaside and the country for these people. KEN WRIGHT.

'FAMOUS LAST WORDS'

We have had two responses from members who wish to remain anonymous. Both welcoming the insertion in the May JOURNAL and the bequest form and both saying they are leaving the sum of £200 to Toc H.

Evening Argus, Brighton

Alan Smith, a member of Denton Branch, at the drums during the Branch's 21st birthday celebration

NORTH WALES

Members of the new LLANARMON-YN-IAL Toc H unit, founded last year, are an enthusiastic and alive crowd. They are planning to acquire their own meeting place and build a kitchen on to the old church schoolroom which serves as the village community centre. They have collected and mended old toys and presented them to a children's home and have painted and decorated the village W.I. hall. On a beautiful evening in April, the members received their Lamp from Padre John Jones in a hall crowded with fifty well-wishers from all parts of the NORTH WALES Division.

Other MOLD District Branches also have a good record of service. ACTON & GARDEN VILLAGE, who have acquired a new headquarters and have extensively altered and renovated it, are running a hospital library service and are represented on the local Freedom from Hunger Campaign, Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society and Inter-Church Aid Committee.

BUCKLEY, and HOPE & CAERGWRLE Branches play a leading role in their communities—arranging treats for old and handicapped people, distributing firewood and holding regular services and hymn-singing in hospitals.

The parent Branch, MOLD, have this year decided that they had got into a rut with their annual camps for poor children from big cities and have decided on a number of alternative projects to utilise the varied talents of all their members, young and old.

drawn from a wide range of occupations.

The first of these jobs is to raise money in co-operation with the Women's Association Branch to buy a scooter for the Padre of an Indian Branch with which the former Mold pilot, Bob Harvey, corresponds. As his personal Toc H project the Padre covers a large area of South India on a bicycle, tending war graves in four cemeteries. He and other members of his Branch also spend one day a week visiting scattered villages, helping the inhabitants and spreading the Gospel.

Mold are also discussing the possibility of following up the Llanarmon venture by forming a second new Branch in another part of the district. At the same time they have an accommodation problem to solve. Their present headquarters, built by members many years ago, are to be acquired by compulsory purchase by the urban council as part of a town centre redevelopment scheme. A committee has been formed to consider how to replace the building.

GWILYM EDWARDS.

NOTTS & DERBY

Right in the centre of the City of Nottingham there is a three-storey building owned by Lloyd's Bank and scheduled for demolition at the end of the year. Members of the NOTTINGHAM CITY Branch conceived the idea of turning it into a Freedom from Hunger Campaign Shop. Lloyd's Bank very kindly agreed to let Toc H have the use of it rent free and the Corporation waived the rates under the new Charities Act. A group of young people from a Youth Group descended with mops, buckets and polish and quickly put the premises in presentable order. A local printing firm supplied without charge a huge sign for the front of the shop "Toc H Freedom from Hunger Shop" which is visible from all four corners of the City Centre. Handbills and notices were circulated asking for anything saleable, particularly jewellery, trinkets, ornaments, pictures, brass, silver and pewter.

The response was terrific. An amazing variety of articles poured in. By arrangement with the W.V.S. who run a van, Toc H is able to collect goods from donors where necessary. A local auctioneer acts as voluntary valuer and a team of helpers from various organisations has been recruited. At the time of writing the shop has been open three weeks and taken well over three hundred pounds. Goods for sale and customers continue to pour in and a number of useful contacts have been made.

BILL HARRIS.

Don't say brown
– say Hovis

FAR CRY
-overseas notes

Contributed by GEOFF MARTIN

Toc H in Nigeria

NOT LONG AGO a distinguished member of the Nigerian Government Service told me that he hoped Toc H would grow in his country because, he said, it tried to do two things which were very necessary in any civilised society; it encouraged tolerance between men who held different opinions on politics or religion, or belonged to different countries or tribes, or whose faces were of different colours. "Tolerance," he insisted, "is essential in a democracy." He then went on to say that the habit of voluntary service which Toc H taught was another necessity. Some people think it silly to do something for nothing for others, but responsible people realised that the willingness of ordinary citizens to be helpful to other people without asking to be paid is another important feature in a good community. For these sort of reasons he was glad to know that two Branches of Toc H were then active in Lagos. Since then one of the Lagos Branches has lapsed, but in its place a new group is being formed in Idanre by Padre Aroso of St. Paul's Church.

This is excellent news, and all members who want to see Toc H firmly established in Nigeria will welcome his energetic and wise leadership. He first met Toc H very recently while serving as a Curate in Blackburn, and we are thankful that his experience of Toc H in Britain has convinced him of its value in Idanre. The men who are beginning to share his great interest speak YORUBA, and they also deserve every encouragement.

So in another part of Nigeria there is now a new team of men who are determined:

to think fairly about other people,
to look at all people with love and not with dislike or fear,
to try to follow the example of Jesus Christ in daily life,
to do something for nothing for other people.

This is the way of Toc H. We hope our friends in Idanre will gradually share our joy in the fellowship of Toc H.

For the benefit of our Nigerian friends who naturally understand YORUBA better than English, the above item has been translated into their own language by ABIOLA AJOMALE.

Egbe Toc H ni ilu Nigeria

Laipe yi, Ogbeni kan ti o je enia pataki ninu ise Ijoba ilu Nigeria so fun mi pe, on rope egbe Toc H yio gbile, nilu Nigeria, nitori ohun ribiribi meji ti egbe na nse kakiri ni gbogbo ilu ti o laju jakejado gbogbo agbaiye.

Ekinni ninu ohun ti egbe na nse ni wipe, o nfun enia ni emi ifarada larin awon enia ti iwa won tabi ero won, tabi esin won, tabi ona iselu won, ba yato si ara won; ogbeni yi tenumo wipe "Emi ifarada je ohun ti o se pataki julo ni siselu kakiri gbogbo aiye".

Lehin eyi, gegebi ohun keji ti o se pataki ti egbe Toc H tun nkoni, ni wipe ki enia ma ran ra won lowo laifekun se ati laikun-sinu. O wipe awon elomiran a ma rope omugo enia ni o nsise fun elomiran laigba owo tabi ere, sugbon ologbon enia mo wipe iwa ki a ma sise fun

elomiran laini ero lati gba owa tabi ere je ohun ti o se ribiribi pupo lārin agbajo enia. Nitori idi ekinni ati ekeji yi wipe inu on dun gidigidi fun eka egbe Toc H meji ti o wa ni ilu Nigeria, okan ni ārin ilu Eko, ekeji ni oke-odo, ni Ebute-Metta. (Sugbon lehin ti o soro yi, o se ni lānu wipe eka keji egbe na ti o wa larin ilu Eko ti ko gbawole.)

Ohun idunnu ni o si tun je wipe dipo eka egbe ti o ko gbawole yi, eka miran ti dipo re lati owo alufa kan ti a npe ni Alufa Aroso ti Ijo St. Paul ni ilu kekere kan ti a npe ni Idanre ni eti Akure ni Iwo-Oru ilu Nigeria. Irohin ayo ni eyi je pupo ati wipe gbogbo omo egbe ti o ba nfe ifesemule egbe Toc H yi, yio ri si wipe awon ran alufa yi lowo gidigidi ati wipe won fi tokantokan tele itosona ati isakoso re nipa egbe na.

Gegebi alufa yi ti wi, on papa koko mo nipa egbe Toc H laipe yi, nigbati o wa ni ilu kan ni ilu Oyinbo nibiti o gbe nse ise alufa re; oruko ilu na ni a npe ni Blackburn. Inu wa si dun wipe iwon anfani ati isiri ti o ri ninu egbe na Lakoko na fi lokanbale wipe egbe na yio gberu gidigidi ni ilu Idanre ati wipe laipe awon ara ilu na yio si moyi egbe na.

Awon ti won je omo egbe na je pupo ninu awon omo Yoruba tabi ti o gbo, tabi ti o si le ka iwe ni ede Yoruba dādā. Nitori idi eyi ni o se to ti os e ye pe ki a fun won ni iwuri, igboiya ati iru anfani ede Yoruba bayi.

Lakotan, ohun idunnu ni wipe ni apakan ni ilu Nigeria, awon enia kan ti dide lati ri wipe:—

(a) Awon nro ero rere nipa omonikeji won,
(b) Awon nfi oju ife, ti kise tikorira tabi iberu, wo omonikeji won,
(c) Awon ngbiyanju lati ma tele ilana ati ipase Jesu Kristi ni gbogbo ojo aiye won, ati wipe
(d) Awon nse ohun gbogbo fun aini-ero ati gba ere kan tabi ope lowo enikeni fun gbogbo enia.

Eyi ni ona ti egbe Toc H nto wa si: awa si ni ero wipe awon ore ati wa arakunrin ni ilu Idanre yio ba wa se alabapin ayo ati ebun idapo ti egbe Toc H yi nipin fun gbogbo wa.

Journal Smalls

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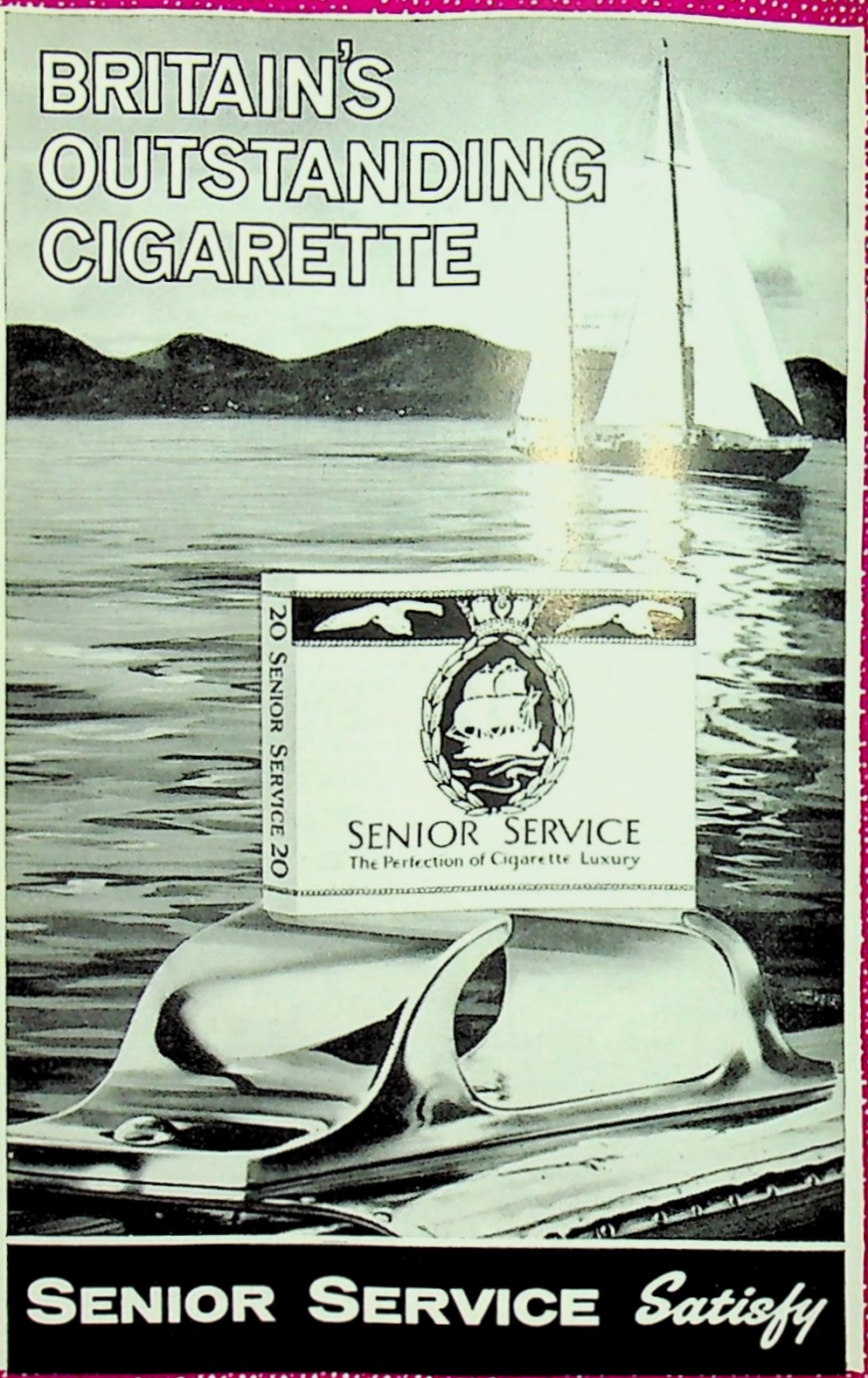
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